Please add the following new claims:

20. (New) The DNA according to claim 1, wherein the protein which has an activity of giving a lysozyme insensitivity to a lysozyme-sensitive microorganism belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum* is a protein having an activity of giving an insensitivity to 100 μg/ml lysozyme to a mutant belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum* and having a sensitivity to not more than 50 μg/ml lysozyine.

21. (New) The DNA according to claim 2, wherein the protein which has an activity of giving a lysozyme insensitivity to a lysozyme-sensitive microorganism belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum* is a protein having an activity of giving an insensitivity to 100 μg/ml lysozyme to a mutant belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum* and having a sensitivity to not more than 50 μg/ml lysozyme.

22. (New) The DNA according to claim 3, wherein the protein which has an activity of giving a lysozyme insensitivity to a lysozyme-sensitive microorganism belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum* is a protein having an activity of giving an insensitivity to 100 μg/ml lysozyme to a mutant belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum* and having a sensitivity to not more than 50 μg/ml lysozyme.

23. (New) The DNA according to claim 4, wherein the protein which has an activity of giving a lysozyme insensitivity to a lysozyme-sensitive microorganism belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum* is a protein having an activity of giving an insensitivity to 100 μg/ml lysozyme to a mutant belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum* and having a sensitivity to not more than 50 μg/ml lysozyme.

24. (New) The DNA according to claim 1, wherein the DNA is a DNA derived from a microorganism belonging to the genus *Corynebacterium*.

25. (New) The DNA according to claim 2, wherein the DNA is a DNA derived from a microorganism belonging to the genus *Corynebacterium*.

26. (New) The DNA according to claim 3, wherein the DNA is a DNA derived from a microorganism belonging to the genus *Cozynebacterium*.

27. (New) The DNA according to claim 4, wherein the DNA is a DNA derived from a microorganism belonging to the genus *Corynebacterium*.

28. (New) The DNA according to claim 1, wherein the DNA is a DNA derived from a microorganism belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum*.

29. (New) The DNA according to claim 2, wherein the DNA is a DNA derived from a microorganism belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum*.

30. (New) The DNA according to claim 3, wherein the DNA is a DNA derived from a microorganism belonging to Corynebacterium glutamicum.

31. (New) The DNA according to claim 4, wherein the DNA is a DNA derived from a microorganism belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum*.

32. (New) A recombinant vector comprising the DNA according to any one of claims 1, 20, 24, and 28.

33. (New) A recombinant vector comprising the DNA according to any one of claims 2, 21, 25, and 29.

34. (New) A recombinant vector comprising the DNA according to any one of claims 3, 22, 26, and 30.

35. (New) A recombinant vector comprising the DNA according to any one of claims 4, 23, 27, and 31.

36. (New) A transformant prepared by introducing the recombinant vector of claim 32 into a host cell.

37. (New) A transformant prepared by introducing the recombinant vector of claim 33 into a host cell.

38. (New) A transformant prepared by introducing the recombinant vector of claim 34 into a host cell.

39. (New) A transformant prepared by introducing the recombinant vector of claim 35 into a host cell.

40. (New) A method for producing a protein, which comprises culturing the transformant of claim 36 in a medium, producing and accumulating the protein in the culture, and collecting the protein from the culture, wherein the protein is a protein which comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, or a protein which comprises an amino acid sequence wherein one or more amino acids are deleted, substituted, or added in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 and which has an activity of giving a lysozyme insensitivity to a lysozyme-sensitive microorganism belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum*.

41. (New) A method for producing a protein, which comprises culturing the transformant of claim 37 in a medium, producing and accumulating the protein in the culture, and collecting the protein from the culture, wherein the protein is a protein which comprises an amino acid sequence having 60% or more homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 and which has an activity of giving a lysozyme insensitivity to a lysozyme-sensitive microorganism belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum*,

42. (New) The method according to 40, wherein the protein which has an activity of giving a lysozyme insensitivity to a lysozyme-sensitive microorganism belonging to Corynebacterium glutamicum is a protein having an activity of giving an insensitivity to 100